

**BEFORE THE ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS  
IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY**

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	Case No.: DO-15-0199A
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CHRISTINE WALKER, D.O.	)	CONSENT AGREEMENT
Holder of License No. 006029	)	FINDINGS OF FACT,
	)	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND
For the practice of osteopathic medicine in	)	STIPULATED ORDER FOR VOLUNTARY
the State of Arizona	)	SURRENDER

**CONSENT AGREEMENT**

By mutual agreement and understanding, between the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery ("Board") and Christine Walker, D.O. ("Respondent"), the parties agree to the following action in this matter.

1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law and Stipulated Order ("Consent Agreement"). Respondent acknowledges that she has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.

2. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Consent Agreement in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Consent Agreement.

3. This Consent Agreement will not become effective until signed by the Executive Director.


4. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended or made for any other

1 use, such as in the context of another state or federal government regulatory agency  
2 proceeding or civil or criminal court proceedings, in the State of Arizona or any other state or  
3 federal court.

4 5. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Upon signing this  
5 agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the Executive Director,  
6 Respondent may not revoke acceptance of the Consent Agreement. Any modifications to this  
7 Consent Agreement are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties.  
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9 6. This Consent Agreement, once approved and signed, is a public record that will be  
10 publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board and will be reported to the National  
11 Practitioner Databank and on the Board's website.

12 7. If any part of the Consent Agreement is later declared void or otherwise  
13 unenforceable, the remainder of the Consent Agreement in its entirety shall remain in force  
14 and effect.

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17 CHRISTINE WALKER, D.O.

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18 DATED

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20 **JURISDICTIONAL STATEMENTS**

21 1. The Board is empowered, pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 32-1800 et seq., to regulate the  
22 practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona, and the conduct of the persons  
23 licensed, registered, or permitted to practice osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

24 2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 006029 issued by the Board for the  
25 practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

3. Respondent is currently under a disciplinary order for probation issued in Case no. DO-14-0014A the terms of which require her to participate in the Board's substance abuse monitoring program (as initially ordered in Case no. DO-12-0191A).

4. On September 19, 2015, the Board received notice that Respondent had missed three random drug screening tests, had not forwarded quarterly reports from her health care professionals and had not received prior approval for changing her primary care physician as required by the monitoring program and the terms of Respondent's probation.

5. On November 21, 2015, the Board held an Investigative Hearing on this matter. Respondent appeared personally and was represented by counsel.

6. The information the Board reviewed indicates that Respondent failed to submit to three random drug tests on June 13, 2015, June 22, 2015 and August 8, 2015.

7. As of November 21, 2015, the Board had not received the required quarterly updates from Respondent's healthcare providers.

8. Respondent changed primary care physicians but she did not notify or seek approval from the Board's Executive Director in a timely manner.

9. As a result of Respondent's non-compliance with the disciplinary order in case no. DO-14-0014A, the Board opened case no. DO-15-0199A. Respondent entered into an Interim Consent Agreement, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Stipulated Order for Suspension and Evaluations ("Interim Order") with the Board on December 11, 2015 in case no. DO-14-0014A, in which Respondent's medical license was suspended for a minimum period of six months. Prior to the suspension being lifted, Respondent was required to satisfy several terms, including undergoing neuropsychological and psychiatric evaluations and a practice assessment.

10. In March of 2016, Respondent completed the neuropsychological evaluation and a practice assessment by CPEP (The Center for Personalized Education for Physicians ("CPEP")).

11. The CPEP assessment identified several significant deficiencies and recommended Respondent successfully complete a residency training program prior to being allowed to return to practice.

12. In lieu of Respondent completing the recommended residency training program, Respondent wishes to surrender her license to practice medicine in the state of Arizona.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The conduct described above constitutes unprofessional conduct and is a violation of A.R.S. § 32-1854 (25), which states "Violating a formal order, probation or a stipulation issued by the board under this chapter."

## ORDER

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Board,

1. License no. 006029, previously issued to Christine Walker, D.O., for the practice of osteopathic medicine in the state of Arizona, is **SURRENDERED**, and that Christine Walker, D.O. shall no longer engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Arizona upon the effective date of this Order.

2. Any violation of this Consent Agreement may result in referral to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

1           3. Respondent agrees she shall not apply for an osteopathic medical license for a  
2 period of at least five (5) years from the effective date of this Consent Agreement. The effective  
3 date of this Consent Agreement is the date it is signed by the Board's Executive Director.



ISSUED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016.  
ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS  
IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

By: Jenna Jones  
Jenna Jones, Executive Director

13 Original "Consent Agreement and Stipulated Order for Surrender"  
14 filed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2016 with:

15 Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners  
16 In Medicine and Surgery  
17 9535 East Doubletree Ranch Road  
18 Scottsdale AZ 85258-5539

18 Copy of the "Consent Agreement and Stipulated Order for Surrender" sent by certified mail,  
19 return receipt requested, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2016 to:

20 Steve Myers, Esq.  
21 Myers & Jenkins  
22 714 E. Rose Lane, Ste. 100  
23 Phoenix, AZ 85014

24 and

25 Christine Walker, D.O.  
Address of Record

1 Copies of this "Consent Agreement and Stipulated Order for Surrender" filed/sent this 21<sup>st</sup> day  
2 of November, 2016 to:

3 Jeanne Galvin, AAG  
4 Office of the Attorney General CIV/LES  
5 1275 West Washington  
6 Phoenix AZ 85007

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